

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

2017

MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) creates lasting connections between the United States and countries of the world, supporting America's global competitiveness and advancing U.S. foreign policy priorities. ECA builds networks through academic, profes-

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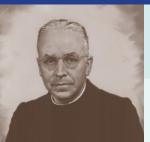
Exchange programs connect, engage, and inspire people. Barriers that often divide us, like politics, language, ethnicity, religion, and geography, break down. Participants develop new skills, explore ways to create positive change in their communities, and establish the trust needed for a more secure, prosperous, democratic and just world.

ECA advances twenty-first century priorities, including entrepreneurship, youth outreach, education, preventing violent extremism, and democratic values.

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600,000+ HOURS

VOLUNTEERED EACH YEAR BY AMERICANS FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



1940

DR. AURELIO ESPINOSA POLIT, S.J.

ECUADORIAN PROFESSOR WAS THE FIRST DOS-SPONSORED EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT

55,000+ PARTICIPANTS

ARE ON EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS FUNDED
BY THE STATE
DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY



SOLIDIFIED THE ROLE OF THE U.S. GOVERN-MENT IN IMPLEMENTING EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



565
HEADS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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PULITZER PRIZE
WINNERS

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NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

89

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS

26

HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

58
AMBASSADORS TO
THE UNITED NATIONS

50 STATES

HOST ECA PARTICI-PANTS, ALL OF WHOM SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY DURING THEIR STAY



10,000+ AMERICAN

EXCHANGE
PARTICIPANTS TRAVEL
ABROAD EACH YEAR